

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Applicant notes that claims 20 and 22 have been amended, claims 25-26 have been canceled, and new claims 27-28 have been added. Thus, claims 2-8, 10-14 and 20-24 and 27-28 are pending in the application.

Section 103 Rejections:

In the Office Action, claims 2-8, 10-14 and 20-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rodriquez (US Patent No. 6,263,346) in view of Liebenow (US Patent No. 6,530,083).

With regard to independent claim 20, Applicant notes that this claim has been amended to more particularly recite that the preference includes a user-selection for scheduling recording at the device of multimedia content that will be received by the device, and that the control data sent from the remote server onto the device causes an initiation of the device configuration to enable recording of multimedia content according to the entered preference.

In contrast, Rodriquez generally describes a network server that stores the differences between a standard client graphical user interface (GUI) and a client GUI that was customized by the user. When a user initiates a client application, the network server modifies the standard GUI according to the stored differences so that the customized GUI will be presented on the user's computer. Applicant respectfully submits that modifying a standard GUI according to stored differences between the standard GUI and a customized GUI as taught by Rodriquez fails to teach or suggest a preference that includes a user-selection for scheduling recording at the device of multimedia content that will be received by the device and sending the control data from the remote server onto the device causing an initiation of the device configuration to enable recording of multimedia content according to the entered preference as recited in claim 22. More particularly, the data for modifying a standard screen panels of GUI for presentation to a user does not teach or suggest control data for scheduling recording of multimedia content that will be received at a later time. In fact, the Office Action failed to address these aspects of the claimed invention, which were originally presented in claim 25 in Applicant's prior response.

Applicant further respectfully submits that the addition of Liebenow and Li similarly fails to alleviate the deficiencies of Rodriquez. Specifically, Liebenow generally describes a convergence device that can adjust the volume level, base level, treble level, brightness and

contrast based on user profiles. Li, on the other hand, generally describes remote configuration of network connections, such as ISDN connections. Applicant respectfully submits that the data described in Liebenow and Li fail to teach or suggest control data for scheduling recording of multimedia content as recited in claim 22. Therefore, because Rodriquez, Liebenow and Li, alone and in combination, fail to teach or suggest claim 22, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejections with respect to claim 22 and all claims dependent thereon be withdrawn.

With regard to independent claim 22, Applicant notes that this claim recites subject matter similar to claim 20. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection with respect to claim 22 and all claims dependent thereon be withdrawn for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 20.

New Claims:

Applicant has also added new claims 27-28, which Applicant believes further defines the claimed invention over the cited art of record. In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that Rodriquez, Liebenow and Li, alone and in combination, fail to teach or suggest control data that includes a start time and an end time for recording as recited in these claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-8, 10-14 and 20-24 and 27-28 are in condition for allowance. Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued with respect to claims 2-8, 10-14 and 20-24 and 27-28.

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